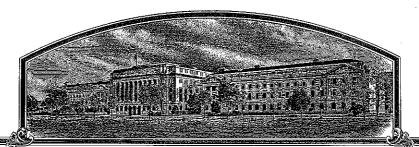
No.



200400324

# HHE UNITED STATES OF ANTERIOR

Monsanto Technology IIG

MICCUS, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

## Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HERS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE CHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR ORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE E PURPOSE, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE E, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT by the Plant Variety Protection Act. (84 stat. 1542, as amended, 7 u.s.c. 2321 et seq.)

*SOYBEAN* 

'0361380'

In Testimony Phreset, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Insists Frotestion Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this seventeenth day of April, in the year two thousand and six.

Plant Variety Protection Office Agricultural Marketing Sorvice

ST-470 (02-10-03) designed by the Plant Variety Protection Office with Wo

(See reverse for instructions and information collection burden statemet

200400324

GENERAL: To be effectively filed with the Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO)ALL of the following items must be received in the PVPO: (1) Completed application form signed by the owner; (2) completed exhibits A, B, C, E; (3) for a seed reproduced variety at least 2,500 viable untreated seeds, for a hybric variety at least 2,500 untreated seeds of each line necessary to reproduce the variety, or for tuber reproduced varieties verification that a viable in the sense the will reproduce an entire plant) tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository; (4) checkdrawn on a U.S. bank for \$3,652 (\$43 filling fee and \$3,220 examination fee), payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (See Section 97.6 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.) Partial application will be held in the PVPO for not more than 90 days, then returned to the applicant as unfiled. Mail application and other requirements to Plant Variety Protection Office, AMS, USDA, Room 500, NAL Building, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD20705-2351. Retain one copy for your files. All items on the face of the application are self explanatory unless noted below. Corrections on the application form and exhibits must be initiated and dated DO NOT use masking materia to make corrections. If a certificate is allowed, you will be requested to sends check payable to "Treasurer of the United States" in the amount of \$32 for issue of the certificates will be issued to owner, not licensee or agent.

Plant Variety Protection Office Telephone: (301) 504-5518 FAX: (301) 504-5291

Homepage: http://www.ams.usda.gov/sciencepvpo/pvp.htm

ITEM

18a. Give:

- (1) the genealogy, including public and commercial varieties, lines, or clones used, and the breeding method;
- (2) the details of subsequent stages of selection and multiplication;
- (3) evidence of uniformity and stability; and
- (4) the type and frequency of variants during reproduction and multiplication and state how these variants may be identified
- 18b. Give a summary of the variety's distinctness. Clearly state how this application viety may be distinguished from all other varieties in the same crop. If the new variety is most similar to one variety or a group of related varieties:
  - (1) identify these varieties and state all differences objectively;
  - (2) attach statistical data forcharacters expressed numerically and demonstrate that these are clear differences; and
  - (3) submit, if helpful, seed and plant specimens or photographs (prints) of seed and plant comparisons which clearly indicate distinctness.
- 18c. Exhibit C forms are available from the PVPO Office for most crops; specify crop kind. Fill in Exhibit C (Objective Description of Variety) form as complete as possible to describe your variety.
- 18d. Optional additional characteristics and/or photographs. Describe any additional characteristics that cannot be accurately conveyed in Exhibit C. Use comparative varieties as is necessary to reveal more accurately the characteristics that are difficult to describe, such as plant habit, plant color, disease resistance, etc.
- 18e. Section 52(5) of the Act requires applicants to furnish a statement of the basis of the applicant's ownership. An Exhibit E form is available from the PVPC
- 19. If "Yes" is specified (seed of this variety be sold by variety name only, as a class of other tified seed), the applicant MAY NOT reverse this affirmative decision after the variety has been sold and so labeled, the decision published, or the certificate issued. However, if "No" has been specified, the applicant may change the choice. (See Regulations and Rules of Practice, Section 97.103).
- 21. See Section 83 of the Act for the Contents and Term of Plant Variety Protection.
- 22. See Sections 41, 42, and 43 of the Act and Section 97.5 of the regulations for eligibility requirements.
- 23. See Section 5.5 of the Act for instructions on claiming the benefit of an earlier filing date.
- 21. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide a statement as to the limitation and sequence of generations that may be certified.)

22. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide the date of first sale, disposition, transfer, or use for each country and the circumstances, if the variety (including any harvested material) or a hybrid produced from this variety has been sold, disposed of, transferred, or used in the US. or other countries.)

94 - 77 ZZ JES 1/0.

23. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please give the country, date of filing or issuance, and assigned reference number, if the variety or any component of the variety is protected by intellectual property right (Plant Breeder's Righbr Patent).)

U.S. Patent No. 5,776,760. Issue Date: July 7, 1998. Assignee: Monsanto Company. Patent Application No. 484,274.

NOTES: It is the responsibility of the applicant/owner to keep the PVPO informed of any changes of address or change of ownership or assignment or owner's representative during the life of the application/certificate. There is no charge for filing a change of address. The fee for filing a change of ownership or assignment or any modification of owner's name is specified in Section 97.175 of the regulations. (See Section 101 of the Act, and Sections 97.130, 97.131, 97.175(h) of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.)

To avoid conflict with other variety names in use, the applicant must check thappropriate recognized authority. For example, for agricultural and vegetable crops, contact: Seed Branch, AMS, USDA, Room 213, Building 306, Beltsville Agricultural Research CenterEast, Beltsville, MD 20705. Telephone: (301) 504-8089. http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/seed.htm

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0581-0055. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 3.0 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability sexual orientation, marital or family stapolitical beliefs, parental status, or protected genetic information. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an squal opportunity provider and employer.

\$T-470 (02-10-03) designed by the Plant Variety Protection Office with Word 2000. Replaces former versions of \$470, which are obsolete.

## MONSANTO TECHNOLGY LLC PVP APPLICATION - 0361380

### **EXHIBIT A**

#### ORIGIN AND BREEDING HISTORY

1998 - Final cross was made in 1998 at Isabela, Puerto Rico.

Parentage: A4604/AGQ48803

Source of glyphosate tolerance is 40-3-2.

- 1998 F1 generation was grown at Isabela, Puerto Rico and advanced using modified single seed descent.
- 1999 F2 generation was grown at Isabela, Puerto Rico and advanced using modified single seed descent.
- 1999 F3 bulk populations were grown at Galena, Maryland and single plants pulled.
- 2000 F3 derived F4 plants were grown at Santa Fe, Argentina in progeny rows and variety 0361380 was selected was selected based on agronomic characteristics, including, but not limited to, general plant health, lodging, early emergence, and general disease resistance, including resistance to PRR, SCN, BSR, SDS, stem canker, etc.
- 2000 F3:5 breeder seed was grown at Galena, Maryland for progeny row increase and in yield tests at 5 locations in Maryland.

Variety 0361380 was observed to be uniform and stable for the characteristics described within this application based on our observations since 2000 and, henceforth, to present. No variants were observed during this time.

Variety 0361380 has continued to be grown in yield tests at 10 locations in 2001, 15 locations in 2002, and 24 locations in 2003 for comparison against other varieties to determine how it would be used in our marketing program.

# MONSANTO TECHNOLGY LLC PVP APPLICATION - 0361380

### **EXHIBIT B**

#### **NOVELTY STATEMENT**

To our knowledge, the soybean varieties that most closely resemble 0361380 are AG4902, and 0053840:

1. Flower color	0361380	- Purple
	AG4902	- White
	0053840	- White
2. Pubescence color	0361380	- Light Tawny
	AG4902	- Tawny
	0053840	- Tawny

REPRODUCE LOCALLY. Include form number and date on all reproductions.

Form Approved - OMB No. 0581-0055

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this collection of information is (0581-0055). The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE BELTSVILLE, MD 20705 EXHIBIT C (Soybean)

# OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY SOYBEAN (Glycine max (L.) Merr.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	Monsai	ıto Technology LI	.C		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
ADDRESS (Street and No. or	R.F.D. No., City,	, State, and ZIP Code)			PVPONUMBER
	3302 S. P.O. Bo	E. Convenience Bl x 3010	vd.		200400324 0361380
	Ankeny	y, IA 50021		-	TEMPORARY OR EXPERIMENTAL DESIGNATION CGL4902C2X
PLEASE READ ALL IN	STRUCTIONS	CAREFULLY: Place the ap	propriate number that describ	es the varietal character of t	his variety in the boxes below.
Place a zero in the first be	ox (e.g. 099	or 09 ) when num	ber is either 99 or less or 9 or	less respectively. Data for q	quantitative
plant characters should b	e based on a mi	nimum of 100 plants Comp	arative data should be determ	ned from varieties entered i	n the same trial. Royal
Horticultural Society or a	ny recognized c	color standard may be used to	o determine plant colors; desig	nate system used:	
Please answer all question	ıs for your vari	ety; lack of response may del	ny progress of your application	ı.	
A. MORPHOLOG	<del>JY</del>				
Seed Shape:					
$ \begin{array}{c c} 2 & (L/W, \\ 3 = E \end{array} $	longate	Γ/W ratios < 1.2)  T/W ratio < 1.2)	(L/W) ratio $4 = Elonga$	cal-Flattened > 1.2; L/T ratio < te-Flattened > 1.2;T/W ratio >	
Seed Coat Color:					
1 = Y	ellow	2 = Green	3 = Brown	4 = Black	5 = Other (Please Specify)
Seed Coat Luster:				•	
$\boxed{1} \qquad 1 = \mathbf{D}$	all	2 = Shiny			
Seed Size:					
0 0 . 0	grams/10	0 seeds			
Hilum Color:					
$ \begin{array}{c c} 6 & 1 = Ba \\ 6 = Ba \end{array} $		2 = Yellow 7 = Other ( <i>Plea</i>	3 = Brown se Specify)	4 = Gray	5 = Imperfect Black
Cotyledon Color:					
1  1 = Ye	ellow	2 = Green			

#### A. MORPHOLOGY (Continued)

Seed Protein Peroxidase Activity:

200400324

$$1 = L_{0w}$$

$$2 = High$$

Hypocotyl Color:

'Woodworth' or 'Tracy'

Leaf Shape:

$$2 = Oval$$

$$3 = Ovate$$

Flower Color:

Pod Color:

$$2 = Brown$$

$$3 = Black$$

**Pubescence Color:** 

$$3 \mid 1 = Gray$$

Plant Habit:

**Maturity Group:** 

$$1 = 000$$
$$6 = III$$

$$2 = 00$$
$$7 = IV$$
$$12 = IX$$

$$3 = 0$$

$$8 = V$$
$$13 = X$$

$$4 = I$$
$$9 = VI$$

14 = XI

$$5 = \Pi$$
$$10 = V\Pi$$

15 = XII

**Maturity Subgroup:** 

Please enter a value from 0 - 9

#### B. DISEASE REACTIONS

$$0 = Not Tested$$

Bacterial

- 0 1
  - Bacterial Pustule (Xanthomonas campestris pv. glycines (Nakano) Dye)
- 0
  - Bacterial Blight (Pseudomonas syringae pv. glycinea (Coerper) Young, Dye, & Wilkie)
- 0
- Wildfire Blight (Pseudomonas syringae pv. tabaci (Wolf & Foster) Young, Dye, & Wilkie)

Fungal

0

Brown Spot (Septoria glycines Hemmi)

В.	DJ	SEASE REAC	TIONS (Continu	ied)	0 = Not Tested	1 =	= Susceptible	2 = Resistant 3 = Tolerant	
		Frogeye Leaf	f Spot ( <i>Cercospo</i>	ra sojina	Hara)			200400324	
	0	race 1		0	race 2		0 race		
	0	race 5		0	race 6		3 Other	r (Please Specify) Field Rating	_
	0	Target Spot (	(Corynespora cas	siicola (	Berk. & Curt.)	Wei)			
	Downey Mildew (Peronospora trifoliorum var. manchurica (Naum.) Syd. ex Gäum)								
	0 Powdery Mildew (Microsphaera diffusa Cke. & Pk.)								
	Brown Stem Rot (Phialophora gregata (Allington & Chamberlain) W. Gams.)								
	2 Stem Canker (Diaporthe phaseolorum (Cke. & Ell.) Sacc. var. caulivora Athow & Caldwell)								
	Pod and Stem Blight (Diaporthe phaseolorum (Cke. & Ell.) Sacc. var. sojae (Lehman) Wehm.)								
	Purple Seed Stain (Cercospora kikuchii (T. Matsu. & Tomoyasu) Gardener)								
	Rhizoctonia Root Rot (Rhizoctonia solani Kühn)								
Phy	ytop	hthora Root Ro	ot ( <i>Phytophthora</i>	megasp	erma Drechs. f.	sp. <i>glyc</i>	<i>inea</i> (Kuan & F	Erwin))	
	1	race 1	1 race 8		1 race 15	1	race 22		
	1	race 2	1 race 9		1 race 16	1	race 23		
	1	race 3	1 race 10		1 race 17	1	race 24		
_	1	race 4	1 race 11		1 race 18	1	race 25		
	1	race 5	1 race 12	<u> </u>	1 race 19	1	race 26		
	1	race 6	1 race 13		1 race 20		Other (Please	Specify):	
	1	race 7	1 race 14		1 race 21				
Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)									
	0	Yellow Mosaid	c (Bean Yellow l	Mosaic \	Virus)				
	0	Cowpea Mosa	ic (Cowpea Chle	orotic V	irus)				
	0	Pod Mottle (B	ean Pod Mottle	Virus)					

B. D	ISEASE REACTION	NS (C	ontinued)	$0 = N_0$	t Te	ested 1 = Susceptible	2 = Resistan	$\mathbf{nt}  3 = 1$	<b>Folerant</b>	
0	Seed Mottle (Soyb	ean I	Mosaic Viru	s)						
Nematode 200400324										
Soybe	an Cyst Nematode (A	Hetero	odera glycin	es Ichinoh	e)					
0	race 1	0	race 4	Γ	0	race 9				
0	race 2	0	race 5		1	race 14 (former r. 4)				
3	race 3	0	race 6			Other (Please Specify)				
0	0 Lance Nematode (Hoplolaimus columbus Sher)									
0	Southern Root Kn	ot Ne	ematode (Me	eloidogyne	inco	ognita (Kofoid & White) Chi	twood)			
0	Northern Root Kn	ot Ne	ematode ( <i>Ma</i>	eloidogyne	hap	la Chitwood)				
0	0 Peanut Root Knot Nematode (Meloidogyne arenaria (Neal) Chitwood)									
0	Reniform Nemator	de (R	otylenchus r	eniformus	Lin	wood & Olivera)				
0	Javanese Nematod	e ( <i>M</i> e	eloidogyne ja	avanica (T	reuk	o) Chitwood)				
	Other Nematode (A	Pleaso	e Specify) _							
C. PH	IYSIOLOGICAL RI	ESPO	NSES	0 = Not	t Te	sted 1 = Susceptible	2 = Resistar	1   3 = 7	Folerant	
0	Iron Chlorosis on	Calca	reous Soil							
0	Phosphorus									
0	Boron									
0	Aluminum									
0	Salt									
0	Drought									
	Other (Please Spec	ify) _								

0 Mexican Bean Beetle (Epilachna varivestis Mulsant)	
0 Potato Leaf Hopper (Empoasca fabae (Harris))	200400324
Other (Please Specify)	
E. HERBICIDE REACTIONS 0 = Not Tested 1 = Susceptible	2 = Resistant
2 Metribuzin	
0 Bentazone	
2 Sulfonylurea	
2 Glyphosate	
1 Glufosinate	
0 Pendimethalin	
Other (Please Specify)	
F. TRANSGENIC COMPOSITION	
Has the development of the Subject Variety included the insertion or removal of gene If yes, please complete the following information requests*. Use additional pages if n	ecessary.
<ol> <li>Please state the vector's name:</li> <li>Please state the vector components:</li> </ol>	
3. Please describe the genetic material successfully transferred into the Subject Vari	iety:
* A literature citation(s) explaining the four information requests above may be an	acceptable alternative to completion of
the "Transgenic Composition" portion of this form.	
U.S. Patent No. 5,776,760. Issue Date: July 7, 1998. Inventor: Barry, Gerard, and Monsanto Company. Patent Application No. 484,274.	l Kishore, Ganesh. Assignee:
ABSTRACT: Genes encoding a glyphosate oxidoreductase enzyme are disclosed. The transformed bacteria and plants which degrade glyphosate herbicide as well as crop p herbicide.	e genes are useful in producing lants which are tolerant to glyphosate

1 = Susceptible

3 = Tolerant

2 = Resistant

0 = Not Tested

D. INSECT REACTIONS

#### G. BIOCHEMICAL MARKERS

Please describe any biochemical information here which you believe will be helpful in further describing the Subject Variety (e.g. Simple Sequence Repeats, Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphisms, Isozymic Characterization). Use additional pages if necessary.

H. COMMENTS

MONSANTO TECHNOLGY LLC PVP APPLICATION - 0361380

### **EXHIBIT D**

### ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION

0361380 is a late maturity group IV variety with resistance to Roundup to herbicide. It has very high yield potential. It has superior yields to lines of similar maturity and has excellent agronomic characteristics, including lodging resistance. In tests, it has beaten Asgrow AG4702 by 116 % overall, winning at 20 of 24 locations. It is adapted to the late maturity group IV growing areas of Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, and Virginia. It has average appearance.

REPRODUCE LOCALLY. Include form number and edition date on all reproduct	tions.	FORM APPROVED - OMB No. 0581-0058					
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE  EXHIBIT E  STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP	Application is required in order to det certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2 confidential until the certificate is issued	421). The information is held led (7 U.S.C. 2426).					
1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER	3. VARIETY NAME					
Monsanto Technology LLC	CGL4902C2X	0361380					
<ol> <li>ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP, and Country)</li> <li>3302 S.E. Convenience Blvd.</li> <li>P.O. Box 3010</li> </ol>	5. TELEPHONE (Include area code) (515) 965-3022	6. FAX (Include area code) (515) 965-3001					
Ankeny, IA 50021	7. PVPO NUMBER 2 0 0 4	00324					
8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in t		<u>X</u>					
Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. National or a U.S.	based company? If no, give name of	country. X YES NO					
10. Is the applicant the original owner?  YES  NO  If no, please answer one of the following:							
	NO If no, give name of country ), is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. ba NO If no, give name of country	y ised company? y					
11. Additional explanation on ownership (Trace ownership from original explanation)	inal breeder to current owner. Use the n	everse for extra space if needed):					
PLEASE NOTE:							
Plant variety protection can only be afforded to the owners (not licen	sees) who meet the following criteria:						
If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that practional of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the country which affords similar protection to nationals of the country which affords similar protection to nationals of the country which affords similar protection to nationals.							
<ol><li>If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which emplo nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a genus and species.</li></ol>							
3. If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the	original owner and the applicant must n	neet one of the above criteria.					
The original breeder/owner may be the individual or company who di Act for definitions.	irected the final breeding. See Section 4	41(a)(2) of the Plant Variety Protection					

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may no conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0581-0055. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 0.1hour per response, including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital or familial status, political beliefs, parental status, or protected genetic information. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs). Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.